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In re Application

Inventors: Anderson, et al.
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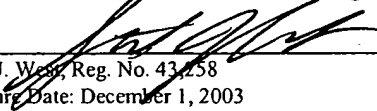
PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Remarks

These Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003.

Summary of the Examiner's Objections

Claims 1-50 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that elected Claims 1-50 are subject to restriction in accordance with one of the following two groups:

- I. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 11, 13, 15, and 48, drawn to a lid having no valve, classified in class 220, subclass 519; and